

Outreach Notice



PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 5 MODOC NATIONAL FOREST

TITLE:	Forest Archaeologist	DUTY LOCATION:	Modoc National Forest
SERIES:	0193		Supervisor's Office
GRADE:	GS-11/12		Alturas, CA

The Modoc National Forest (MDF) will soon be advertising the Forest Archaeologist/Heritage Resource Program Manager position located at the Supervisor's Office in Alturas, California. This position offers a challenging career opportunity for an individual seeking experience on an archaeologically complex forest. The forest has a range of cultural resources that include many prehistoric sites including numerous lithic scatters, rock stack complexes, village sites, obsidian sources and quarries, Rock Art sites, NHT emigrant trails, Modoc War Sites, homesteads, logging railroads, and Basque Aspen Art sites that represent human occupation from the Paleo-Indian period to the Present. Currently, over 8,200 archaeological sites have been identified. The MDF consults with four tribal governments.

ABOUT THE POSITION

The position serves as the Forest Archaeologist/Heritage Resource Program Manager. As such is responsible for providing cultural resource management support for the Forest as well as inventory, evaluation, protection and interpretive development of historic and prehistoric sites. The position supervises two GS-0193-09 Archaeologists.

Responsible for planning, directing, implementing, and administering a diverse and highly complex Forest's Heritage Resources Management Program, including the formulation of short and long term plans, policies and program guidelines in order to achieve Forest, regional and national goals and objectives. Develop or provide oversight and leadership for the development of a Heritage Program Plan and Historic Property Plans as defined in FSM 2360. Also plans, directs, coordinates and executes survey for the location and verification of archeological and historical sites and provides guidance to line officers and other MDF archeologists in marking, protecting and evaluation of these sites.

Reviews heritage resource reports for completeness and to determine significance of, and effects to, identified historic properties, under the Region 5 Programmatic Agreement and, as needed, in direct consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Serves as Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or Inspector on contracts for cultural resource work.

Ensures standardized maintenance and use of records, GIS data and the Infra database including the compilation of information for upward reporting.

Reviews and analyzes heritage resource laws, regulations and policies for effects on forest management programs and consistency with regional and national objectives. Provides program advice to the Forest Leadership Team. Also, the position recommends corrective actions to the Forest Supervisor when violations are found, and coordinates all necessary remedial action to obtain legal Historic Preservation compliance.

Recommends and carries out required elements of research plans related to studies, excavations, artifact analysis and the content of reports. Further, the position evaluates archeological and historical sites and identifies which are appropriate for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Recommends or reviews the mitigating action for projects on Forest land when ground disturbing activities are proposed. The position also prepares technical approval for documentation submitted for program matter, including contracts, National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria, and other required internal reports.

Serves as the final reviewer taking professional responsibility over all work, reports, recommendations and evaluations made by subordinate staff and archeologists. The position works with special interest groups and local organizations in informing the public about the Forest's cultural resources and in developing interpretive programs and information for interested publics. The position also develops and coordinates *Passport In Time* opportunities for the public, maintains and coordinates the Forest Heritage Volunteer Program.

Supervises and maintains the Forests' Heritage Resource Management Curation Facility and History Archive.

Assists the Forest Tribal Liaison position with consultation and coordination with Indian Tribes under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation (NAGPA) and Forest/Tribal MOU's.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest, situated in extreme northeastern California, boasts an ecologically diverse landscape. It is a land of contrasts, with ecosystems ranging from pine and fir dominated mountains to high desert plateaus covered with sage brush and juniper. It is one of the largest national forests in California at about 1.68 million acres. Administratively it is managed from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas and two zones encompassing four ranger districts with offices in Adin, Tulelake, Alturas and Cedarville. The climate also exhibits contrasts, with average high temperatures in July being 88 degrees and average lows in January in the teens. With the average annual precipitation being about 12 inches there is an abundance of days with clear blue skies. Elevations range from 9,892 feet at Eagle Peak atop the Warner Mountains to 4,000 feet in the valleys.

The Forest manages a variety of programs, including wildlife, vegetation, range, recreation, minerals, wilderness, special uses, heritage, watershed, fuels and fire suppression. Specialists working here include botanists, foresters, wildlife and fishery biologists, archaeologists, range conservationists, engineers, fire and fuels managers, business management and public relations professionals. These specialists work on a variety of challenging issues including: sage steppe restoration, wildhorse territory management, the largest rangeland management program in Region 5, managing fire across the landscape, and landscape scale restoration.

The Forest is primarily situated in beautiful Modoc County. With a population of about 10,000 the County is among the most rural in California. It borders Oregon to the north and Nevada to the east. Alturas is the County Seat and location of the Forest Supervisor's Office, and is about 3 ¼ hours (170 miles) from Reno, NV; 2 ¾ hours (145 miles) from Redding, CA; and 1 ¾ hours (98) miles from Klamath Falls, OR. All these cities offer major shopping opportunities and Reno and Redding offer airport services. There is a medical clinic in Alturas with major medical services available in Reno and Redding.

While the key to real estate is location, location, location; for many who come and stay on the Modoc the key is lifestyle, lifestyle, lifestyle. The Modoc lifestyle has much to offer, being more rural and remote. A slower pace offers a welcome relief from the "hustle and bustle" of urban life. The nights are quiet and peaceful, and with minimal light pollution the sky is full of stars. There are ample recreational opportunities, including fishing and hunting, that are uncrowded. There is strong community support and the local community is interested and involved in Forest programs. If you are looking for a place that offers a low stress lifestyle and safe community, the Modoc is for you.

Information on the Modoc National Forest and community is available on these sites:

- Modoc National Forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>
- Modoc Record (newspaper): <http://www.modocrecord.com/>
- Modoc National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forest-Service-Modoc-National-Forest/624840120965582>
- Modoc schools: <http://www.modoccoe.k12.ca.us/>
- Alturas, CA information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Alturas-California.html>
- Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

For any questions regarding the above position, please contact, Gerry Gates, Modoc National Forest, Modoc National Forest, 225 West 8th Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Telephone # 530-233-8730, email: ggates@fs.fed.us

HOW TO APPLY: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Individuals stating interest in this position will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted so they can apply. If interested, please complete the Outreach Form at the end of this announcement and email to **Gerry Gates** at ggates@fs.fed.us by close of business on July 10, 2015.

This outreach form does not constitute an application. The vacancy announcement will appear on the USAJOBS website: www.usajobs.gov/

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM



Forest Archaeologist GS-0193-11/12

Please submit outreach response to Gerry Gates at ggates@fs.fed.us

On or before July 10, 2015

Modoc National Forest

NAME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: {USFS {BLM {OTHER

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

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☐ VETERANS READJUSTMENT

☐ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

☐ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

☐ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

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